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Chicken pox downs Russian team

by MATT JAMES
Times Staff

Hockey fans in Haliburton
County were disappointed, yet
understanding, when the much
anticipated hockey game
between the Moscow Select and
the Greater Metro Hockey
League All-Stars was cancelled
at the last minute due to a
Russian player who had con-
tracted the chicken pox.

Early Sunday morning at 4:15
a message was left on the
Minden arena's answering
machine by the Russian team.
It's not known whether the viral
disease spread to the rest of the
team but it was confirmed that
the team flew home to Moscow
on January 7.

The last-minute cancellation
didn't give organizers a lot of
time, if any, to contact ticket
holders. Those who purchased
tickets will receive their money
back and are instructed to call
the arena.

Bob Russell, president of the
GMHL spoke of his disappoint-
ment but acknowledged mishaps
on both sides.

"They sort of bailed on us,"
said Russell. "It's too bad. I
lined up too many games."

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Gord Barter/Special to The TIMES

Electrifying

Firefighters arrived to this fiery scene Saturday afternoon on Vintage Crescent in Minden where a hydro truck had burst into flames. Fire chief Doug Schell said the fire started in the engine of the truck, but didn't know any more about how it started. Ten firefighters helped put out the flames in just over half an hour.

Garbage rules slowly getting clearer

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The Scotch Line landfill was a
mix of multicoloured garbage
bags – clear and opaque – six days
after the mandatory clear bag poli-
cy came into effect.

All residents were supposed to
start bringing clear bags to the
landfill starting January 1, but
many pleaded ignorance at the
dump gates.

"If we don't let [dark bags] in,
they get left at the gate," said
attendant Kerry Grozelle on
Sunday.

Between Christmas and New
Year's around 59 bags were left at
the landfill gate.

Grozelle estimated that 50 per
cent of waste coming in is now in
transparent bags – up from last
week (when almost no one
brought clear bags), but still dis-
mally low.

Bob Romberg, environmental
and property operations manager
for Minden Hills said that while
there are some residents who are
resisting the new bylaw, most are
behind it. It just takes time for full
conformance.

"We've had a lot of questions

about the clear bags. Most of the
questions are everyday questions
and we're getting a very positive
response. We do have a few resi-
dents who do not feel that they
should have to [use clear bags],
but we think that most people are
coming on board quite readily,"
Romberg said on Tuesday.

Minden residents are in the
midst of a grace period right now
while they get used to the new
rules, Romberg said.

"If you go the first time or even
the second time [with black bags],

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Next change is one bag per week limit

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you will be advised by the attendant that the new bylaw is in place and it was effective January 1, there has been sufficient notice to change over to clear bags and they would let you get away with the first and maybe even second, but not the third time. We do want the residents to get on board here and we feel very confident that this will be beneficial for the whole community," he said.

Clear bags have been made mandatory because they give the attendants the ability to view garbage and make sure that recyclables aren't tossed out with the garbage and that hazardous waste doesn't make it in.

The new garbage bag rule isn't the last change to landfill policy for Minden Hills residents. At the end of



Jenn Watt/TIMES

A landfill attendant helps a woman with her dark garbage bag six days after the clear bag rule came into effect.

February, the orange tags will no longer be used to limit waste. Instead, users will be limited to one bag of garbage per week.

And, in the spring, the Scotch Line site will be bringing in a scale to weigh garbage, though policy around the weight of garbage has yet to be set.

"The Scotch Line landfill is going to be installing a weigh-scale come the nice weather in the spring and we're going to be reviewing the fee situation at that time again to see how that's going to fall into place. It may be by weight only, but that's not confirmed yet. It's largely for the benefit of the large construction users who are



A heaping pile of garbage at the Scotch Line landfill shows that about 50 per cent of residents are following the new rules.

charged by the cubic yard by going across the scale, it will be by actual weight so it will be fair to everyone," Romberg said.



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The Austin family of Kimmount rang in the New Year at their cottage on Crystal Lake, but eleven and a half hours into 2008 they were already welcoming the newest member of their family, baby boy John Michael Austin. This is the happy family back at home, including 6-year-old Nastasia, mother Julie with the baby, 4-year-old Amelia, and 19-month-old Amelia with her father, Andrew.

A special New Year's Day for Austin family

by GREG HOEKSTRA
Times Staff

There were plenty of presents beneath the Austin family tree this Christmas, but the most precious gift of all didn't arrive until the morning of New Year's Day.

John Michael Austin, son of Julie and Andrew, was born at 11:53 a.m. on January 1 at the Peterborough hospital. The healthy baby boy entered the world weighing 8 pounds and 4 ounces.

Five days later, while sitting in the family's living room in Kimmount, light streams in through the sliding glass doors and bathes both mother and child in sunlight. Taking a breath, Julie coos softly to her new son before reflecting on how it feels to have a New Year's baby.

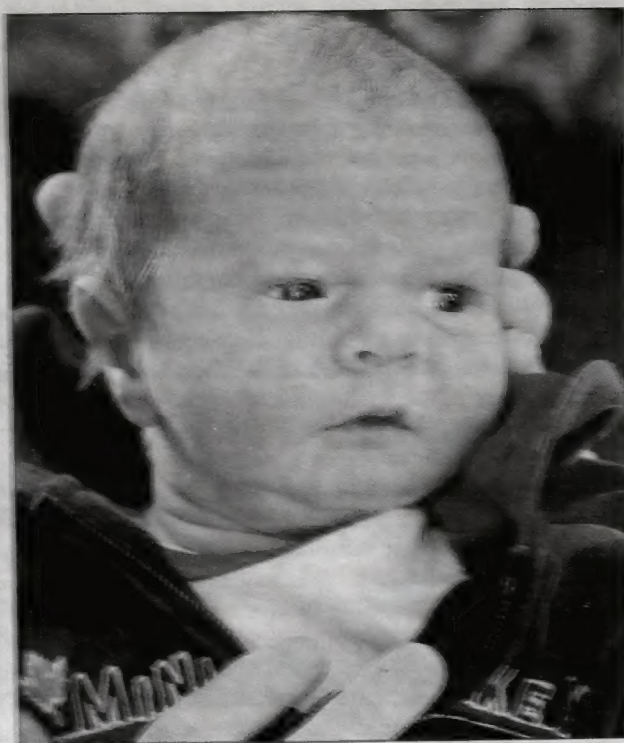
"Well, he was a very nice surprise for New Year's Day, that's for sure," she says with a smile. "It's just so special when they're born and you see them for the first time. It's that realization that they're tiny little human beings, and they're so alert. It's amazing."

Meanwhile, while Julie takes a moment to tend to the baby, husband Andrew is kept busy by the couple's three other beaming children — sisters Nastasia, 6, Amelia, 4, and Julianna, 1. While Andrew loves all his daughters unconditionally, he's also excited to welcome a son to the Austin clan.

"There's just something different about the whole father-son bond," says Julie.

"I'm going to have to start saving for all the toys now," chimes dad with a laugh.

While both parents say they weren't rooting for one gender or another, the same can't be said for all members of the family. Perhaps sensing an opportunity to get in



With three older sisters, baby John Austin won't be expected to wear many hand-me-downs.

the newspaper, or even just a chance to speak her mind to the family's new visitor, young Nastasia turns to the reporter in the room and announces, "I wanted it to be a boy," in a matter-of-fact way that only a six-year-old can pull off.

"They do all love their baby brother," confirms Julie. "They're always wanting to see him or hold him."

Of course, introducing a baby boy into a household with three daughters did present at least one minor complication.

"We didn't have a lot of gear for boys," Julie says, alluding to the fact that all hand-me-downs are for girls. "But luckily we have family who also have boys, and they have given us totes full of clothes.... He won't be going naked anytime soon."

In fact, Julie's sister Jane lives right across the street from the family, meaning the kids from both families spend most of their days laughing and playing together. For that reason Julie is also happy, since young John will have two older boy cousins to "show him the ropes."

At only one week old, Julie says that her son is already an important branch in the Austin family tree, which has rooted itself in Kimmount for more than five generations. (John and his sisters mark the sixth.)

Despite the name of their family business (J. Austin and Sons Ltd.) the Austin family had actually experienced a lull in sons for the past generation. For that reason, John and his two male cousins are welcome additions to the family since they will help continue on the family name. (Andrew, Julie's husband, also took the Austin last name for the same reason.)

"Who knows, maybe one day he'll even take over the family business," she says of young John, named after the current owner, his grandfather.

"But for now we're just hanging out," she says softly, rocking him gently in her arms, as though she may never let him go. "With every one you just want to hold on a little tighter... just a little longer."

The Peterson pie

a (true) short story by
George Pratt

The presence of a famous personage among the summer residents of Harcourt Park lent added zest to the daily buzz around Greg and Sandy Hilton's little lakeside store in the warm summer of 1968. The Hiltons were purveyors of all things needful to the cottagers who made the Haliburton Highlands their summer retreat; with infectious affability, they made every visitor to their cozy little store feel like they were part of a family. Here could be had sunscreen and milk and motorboat gas to be sure but the prime exchange was banter and the exchange of the cottage life experience — and, bonus — this year there was the chance to meet Oscar Peterson.

He was the Great Man whom everybody was talking about, who was big in jazz or something and even made a lot of best selling records and, didn't you hear? He had bought a cottage over there on Big Straggle Lake and he was a big black man and like he was always laughing and joking just like an ordinary person and he was like, so friendly, you know. If Oscar was big, then his personality was huge, which was why he seemed to fill the store on his daily visits.

One sunny August morning Oscar had pattered across the lake in his little runabout as usual and had joined the daily symposium under the awning with a group of other store patrons. One of their number was grimly recounting the trial of trying to dig a septic field in the unyielding granite of Haliburton County which is founded firmly on the Canadian Shield. Every few days over the latter half of July, the frustrated man had ruefully reported to all who would listen his stony progress on the digging, or lack of it; but on this triumphant morning, he was announcing to all present that the work was finished. Oscar had been listening in uncharacteristic deep thought. Upon this announcement, his face relapsed into the irrepressible Peterson grin, an apt metaphor for the piano keyboard that had made him famous.

"This calls for a celebration" he announced. "A big, special celebration." He went on to lay out a plan: He intended to return to the store that afternoon about supper hour, whence, in honor of the occasion, he would be bringing a pie which he intended to bake by his very own self. It would be for all to share. It would be not only a pie, he proclaimed, but it would be a pie made with purely Haliburton produce, fresh and local, fitting of the occasion.

Well, now. This was something. The assemblage dispersed quickly toward their waiting boats, each wanting to be the first to carry this great announcement to their neighbors. Watching Oscars's broad back recede across the lake, Greg speculated that it would surely be a blueberry pie for indeed, it was now August and wasn't every outcropping flaunting bushes heavy with them? Sandy ventured that a blackberry pie was a better bet, for they were also abundant in the area and they go well in a pie with apples and hadn't Oscar's wife, another Sandy, bought some apples that very week? Whatever, it would be an occasion not to be missed.

About five o'clock, the little store began to fill up with cottagers, ostensibly calling to pick up the Toronto paper which would be delivered about six; but from the conver-



While the rest of the world knew Oscar Peterson as a legendary jazz pianist, among his fellow cottagers at Harcourt Park, Peterson was known as a practical joker, as this story by former Minden resident George Pratt illustrates. Peterson died in December at the age of 82.

sation effervescing among them, it was clear that news of the Peterson pie, exclusively concocted of Haliburton products, had spread throughout the park. Duty at five-thirty, the familiar little boat pattered in to the dock, Oscar at the tiller and his equally ample wife amidsthips — not, it should be said, a scanty cargo. Sandy was holding what was obviously the payload, concealed tantalizingly under not one, but two checkered tea-towels. Two checkered tea-towels . . . ? What was this?

The jovial buzz of the assembled cottagers fell silent, perhaps in awe of how close the gunwales were pressed to the water, but more likely in quiet appraisal of the realization that there may not be one, but two pies. As the Petersons heaved out onto the dock and ceremoniously marched toward the store, each holding before them the draped treasure, the air became charged with a palpable slaving fervor. A look passed between Greg and his Sandy; she quietly retreated into the store, went directly to the shelf on the left and took down a package of paper plates along with a pouch of plastic utensils. Before returning, she hoisted a cardboard bucket of vanilla ice-cream out of the freezer. This was not an occasion to be concerned with accounting for inventory shrinkage.

Oscar and his Sandy bulldozed through the throng of expectant onlookers, which parted like the Red Sea to let them pass. Both Petersons elbowed into the store and the crowd back-eddied in after them. Oscar carefully placed his precious burden on the counter as did his wife. Oscar, beaming, turned with a showmanlike flourish and whipped the tea-towels away. My oh my! Were there ever such pies!

On second look, they did not actually look remarkable as pies go. They were contained in predictable aluminum foil pans, had plain, if neatly crimped pastry edges and the requisite mountain of whipped topping — but to a throng of idolizing fans who had been prying throughout

a whole long summer afternoon by advance jungle telegraph, why, they were gastronomic delights that could have been conceived in none other than the kitchen of Escoffier himself. And made exclusively with fresh local ingredients, didn't you hear? Blackberries? Blueberries? The Hiltons strained to detect a tell-tale blue drool or a purple ooze seeping from under the topping that would be a tip-off. There was nothing. What secret Haliburton produce had that Oscar discovered that would be worthy of such pies?

The air was electric with anticipation as Oscar plucked a plastic knife from Sandy Hilton's proffered package. He presented it to Greg, who, in the spirit of the moment, placed the knife in his Sandy's hand, covered it with his own, and in cutting-the-wedding-cake fashion they mutually clove down through four inches of whipped topping. And then stopped. Stopped dead.

Greg, looking puzzled, impelled Sandy's hand in a sawing motion. It elicited no result but a rasping sound. With a grin of sudden understanding, he thrust Sandy's hand away and with a quick sweeping motion of the knife, peeled away the topping on first one, then the other pie. There, to the dismay of all present, was the culinary secret of Oscar Peterson's exclusively Haliburton pie-filling laid bare. Both pies were generously filled with stones.

Editor's note: Sculptor George Pratt was born and raised on South Lake Road. In 1968, he was close friends with Greg and Sandy Hilton and they were close friends with Oscar Peterson. Many will remember Greg Hilton as the first ski instructor at Sir Sam's then new ski hill. In the summers he operated a small store at Harcourt and it was there that the Hiltons and Petersons became friends. Pratt now lives in British Columbia.

PC leader says mistakes have made him stronger

John Tory expects to face
McGuinty in 2011

by JOHN CHAMBERS
Special to The Times

Progressive Conservative leader John Tory says he has owned up to the mistakes he believes cost his party last fall's provincial election and said he is a stronger leader because of it.

During a stop in Lindsay on Sunday afternoon, joining Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Conservative MPP Laurie Scott for a new year's levee, Tory said while it will ultimately be up to delegates at next month's convention, he is committed to rebuilding Ontario's

Conservative party and developing a plan to see the Conservatives restored to power in 2011.

"I apologize for these mistakes and commit that they will not happen again."

JOHN TORY

a lot of time having more than 12 meetings across the province, every campaign manager, every candidate and other key people were invited to come out and talk about the mistakes that we made and what we need to do better to win in the next election."

Tory's bid to become Ontario premier were sidetracked last fall when his plan to provide funding to faith-based schools outside of the Catholic system dominated conversation and debate. In a letter to thousands of Conservative members in December, Tory apologized for letting the issue dictate the outcome of the election.

"We fell short of our goal and I allowed one issue to halt our momentum," he wrote. "We didn't do a good enough job of clearly defining who we are."

"I apologize to you for these mistakes and commit to you that they will not happen again."

Greg Hoekstra/TIMES



Conservative leader John Tory was in Lindsay on Sunday to shore up support before next month's party convention, when one of the topics to be voted on is whether to choose a new leader after the last election's lacklustre results. Not only did the Liberals gain ground but Tory lost his seat.

Tory lost his Don Valley West seat in the Oct. 10 election, leaving him on the outside of Queen's Park looking in, a position he now says has been a 'blessing'.

"While it wasn't my plan to lose in the last election, it has allowed me the time to travel the province and talk to folks," he said, adding he considers much of the time spent in the Ontario Legislature to be "unproductive".

"It's unfortunate but I think anyone who is being honest with themselves would admit it," he said. "So I think it is a bit of a blessing that I have been able to travel across the province and come to events like this and talk to people, it has given me time to come out and talk to real people about real issues."

Tory said he is talking to people about rebuilding the Conservative platform, and providing long-term beneficial policies to helping all Ontarians.

"The Liberal government has consistently turned its back on that part (rural) of the province," he said. "They may throw some money at them once in a while, but we need a consistent, fair way of treating people."

Tory says the party had policies that would have strengthened the province and put Ontario on more solid

footing, but people never heard about them.

"We had some really excellent policies that no one even knew we had," he said. "In the end I have accepted the responsibility for that and I need to make sure we don't have an issue that distracts people that way."

Progressive Conservative party members will gather in Kitchener on Feb. 23 to vote on whether to hold a leadership convention.

When the dust settles, Tory said he is optimistic he will remain at the helm of the Progressive Conservative party and efforts can begin to pave the way for election success in 2011.

"I have stated my very strong desire to stay and my intention to stay because I think the work I have begun is work that needs to be continued, I have acknowledged the fact that I have made some mistakes and I have learned lessons from those mistakes," he said. "Now I will subject myself, very willingly, to a vote at the end of February by the party about whether they want to have a leadership convention or not. I am quite confident that the answer to your question about whether I will be here in four years is yes."

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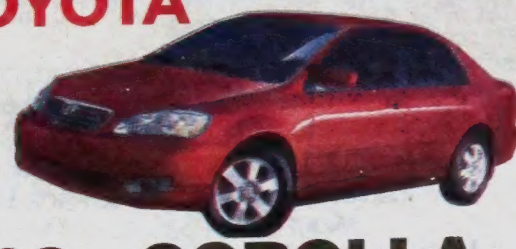
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Dump debate just heating up

IT'S AMAZING HOW divisive garbage can be. There are many people who shrug when you ask them about their opinions on a potential uranium mine in the county, but you won't find one without an opinion on the clear garbage bag issue.

It seems that people have a visceral connection to their waste.

Bob Romberg, the staff person for Minden Hills who manages the landfills, says that 90 per cent of residents are behind the clear bag policy. Looking at the state of the landfill today, those 90 per cent have a strange way of showing it.

At the Scotch Line landfill on Sunday, there was a woman who said she wouldn't start using clear bags until she received a letter from the municipality. Sort of a strange reaction, since the municipality has been posting plenty of notices about the policy around town and in the papers.

There seems to be a strong connection between people and their garbage. Once a routine is established (paper cups go in the garbage), it's difficult to change minds about how that routine should be altered (paper cups go in recycling bin).

That same routine is going to stretch again in the next month. Not only are Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands residents going to have to load their garbage into clear bags, they are also going to have to limit their garbage to one bag a week.

As of the end of February, we'll all say goodbye to the happy fluorescent orange sticky tags and get into a more regular schedule of taking waste to the landfill once a week, 'cause if we don't, we'll be paying for the extra bags that have backed up.

There's also going to be a scale for garbage in the spring, although the implications of that machine won't be clear for some time.

All of this change makes the clear bag controversy seem small. If residents are upset that they have to change the colour of their bags, what will happen when the number of bags is restricted by week?

It seems that everyone is going to have to get used to the concept that garbage is becoming more and more regulated. It's a byproduct of living in a society that overconsumes and creates an abundance of waste. As frustrating as it can be to constantly monitor trash, it is because of the typical human lifestyle of buying highly packaged, highly wasteful products that we buy and toss at an accelerated rate that makes these regulations necessary.

Some residents are resisting this clear bag policy, but resistance in this case truly is futile because there is more to come – not just with the bag-a-week rule, but in the next few years – as we find new and better ways to accommodate our lifestyles. Might as well settle in and get used to it.

Jenn Watt

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The road less taken

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Weekly garbage weak idea

To the Editor:

I see Minden Hills council has decided that everyone should go to the landfill every week. You would think they would pull their heads out of the sand and pay attention to what is going on in the world.

Everyone is concerned about global warming but this council is trying to help it along.

I would normally only go to the dump every third week, and I would imagine there are a lot of others who don't take their garbage every week.

My taxes have almost doubled since we allowed Minden to amalgamate with us

and I doubt if the 50 tags for garbage I receive for a year costs in the hundreds of dollars to produce and send out with the tax bills. Surely this environment is worth the couple of bucks these tags would cost.

I would suggest that Councillor Barbara Reid see if she can get the rest of these councillors to turn their brain back on; they can shut them back off when they go home, not while they are being paid by me.

They state that one bag per week will limit confusion and waste.

see TOO CHEAP page 7

Out on the ice

TO MOST ANGLERS, winter means ice fishing. With that in mind, let's review some important safety rules that we should all be aware of.

The most important one is never trust any ice, especially early and late in the season, or anytime you are on unfamiliar water.

It doesn't matter if a snowmobile just rode the path ahead; it's probably going at a higher speed, and its load is spread over the length of the machine. Nor does it matter that someone told you that the ice was good there yesterday; there might be miscommunication about exactly where he was talking about or conditions might be treacherous on the route to that spot. Nor does ice thickness on other lakes have any bearing – each water body has different factors that affect ice production; depth, snow covering, inflow and outflow, to name a few. At best, similar lakes can give an indication of what you might expect – but that's nothing to bet your life on.

Similarly, make a point of avoiding ice

that's formed over a current, or near a dam or beaver lodge – invariably it's weaker and not trustworthy. Also, remember that rain, mild spells, and warm winds, can impact conditions on a daily basis, changing everything.

Even when excellent ice is prevalent, it pays to be cautious. I was once fishing on Lake Simcoe when we narrowly averted an unmarked four-foot by four-foot opening cut in the ice. We only saw this gaping hole when our ATVs missed it by inches. Needless to say, the situation could have been disastrous.

Never settle for less than four inches of clear, solid ice if you're walking; five inches if you're on a snowmobile; and twelve inches if you're driving a vehicle. Sure you can get away with less in each circum-

stance but these thicknesses provide a proven margin of safety, which is needed since ice thickness is not always consistent.

It pays to fish with a friend too. Then, when moving out onto uncharted waters walk a few yards apart, carry your gear on a toboggan, and test the ice by drilling holes or chipping at it with a spud every now and then. If you must fish alone, however, make sure someone knows your location and carry a cell phone.

Wear clothing designed to keep you dry and warm, boots that have good grip, and carry a pair of ice picks.

It's also a prudent to have a blaze orange flotation suit, if within your budget. And a reliable fire starting kit can save the day after you've taken a soaker on an isolated lake. If possible, however, get back to your vehicle and utilize the

heater as soon as possible.

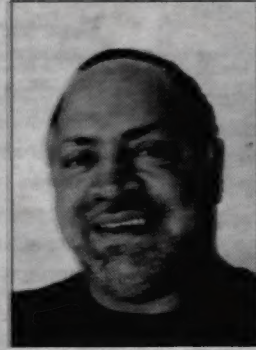
When it comes snow machines, ATVs, or trucks on the ice, it's critical not to drive so that your speed outpaces your visibility. Fog, darkness, heavy snow, and whiteout conditions can all lead a vehicle astray – sometimes astray means into open water or weak ice, sometimes it means rock cuts, pressure cracks, or trees – none of it's good. When driving, be prepared to bail out quickly too – don't wear seat belts on the ice and be aware that a flotation suit might actually hinder escape from a vehicle.

Finally, leave the alcoholic beverages at home. Their consumption promotes hypothermia and impairs judgment – two problems you just don't need.

I know all this sounds overly cautious, but when you think about it, these precautions are a small price to pay for a safe day of ice fishing. Please utilize them – and have fun out there!

I can be reached at

TheOutdoorLife@aol.com.



OUTSIDE CHANCE

Steve Galea

Whether or not, it's weather!

STIFF-LEGGED and forlorn, The Brown Dog Jiggs stands panting in the kitchen of the cabin at Sapsucker Ridge.

His tail is tucked so far forward between his legs that it almost forms the letter J. He has the shakes and my hand on his back is no comfort, brings him no relief from his terror.

Great dollops of drool spatter the linoleum. In a moment of perfect silence, I hear them drip like water running off the eaves.

And then that silence is broken by another piece of snow pack sliding off our steel roof and The Brown Dog, frantic with fear, gives a little yelp and looks at me, imploring. Let me out of here, he says.

What this is, I tell him, is weather, which ranks right behind rock as the only natural item never in short supply in Haliburton County.

We love talking about it in produce sections and parking lots and we surely will as soon as the fog thins enough for us to race

into town and get another batch of groceries before the next storm maroons us again.

Nothing to it, says a man in the checkout line. Just the January thaw; there's one every winter, right about now. Yeah, but this is the second January thaw this winter and what about the one at Christmas, but the man is pocketing his change before I can organize my words.

There was a perfect blast of winter to begin with, like the good old days, and then a January thaw in December with its 15 hours of rain and then more snow and the coldest night of the winter and now this.

It's just one damned thing after another.

Calmer now in evening, The Brown Dog Jiggs and I set out on our regular reconnaissance, checking as we always do before we go to bed to see if the road past Sapsucker Ridge is still there.

A hundred feet or so down the driveway, I decide that if I lift by feet the rest of me will surely fall down and when I try to turn back I find I can't walk uphill on the ice.

Two steps forward, then three steps back. Even the dog, who has four-foot drive, is slipping and sliding and finally climbs up on a snow bank where it's safe and so do I.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

It's nine above at dawn but there is no climate change, and besides if there is, it's part of a natural cycle, not man-made. Or maybe it's partly man-made and partly natural. And the part that is man-made is good for the hedge funds and though our species may become extinct it will not go bankrupt, which is a comfort.

The debate feels like quibbling about the nature of icebergs on the deck of the Titanic. Soon, perhaps, there will be no more icebergs. Once it was Paris that sizzled, soon it will be

Pangnirtung.

But that is tomorrow, or maybe the next day. Yesterday, we only got stuck twice. Well, not stuck, exactly. Stuck only counts if you need a bulldozer to pull you out.

Having to rock yourself out of the mud hole where you foolishly parked your truck to attend a cultural fandango doesn't even count as an incident.

Neither does spinning your way up a hill and then dropping off the side of the road looking for snow for traction and then shovelling yourself out at one o'clock in the morning and backing down the hill until you are straightened out and biting your lip and holding your breath as you creep uphill and feeling the tail end swing just a little as you reach the crest.

It is so far from being stuck that The Brown Dog doesn't even rise from his slumber to sit up and look out the truck window to see what is happening.

It will take a steel-roof avalanche to get his attention.

neilcampbell@xplornet.com

Too cheap for tags

from page 6

We were only allowed 50 tags a year which isn't even one bag a week, so where is the waste and confusion? If you are too cheap to send out these tags then I would suggest you have everyone sign a book and date it every time they go to the landfill to keep track of their bags.

The atmosphere is polluted enough without trying to add more to it by having people drive needlessly.

Gordon Graham
Irondale

Cats are a real problem in Minden

To the Editor:

Re: December 19 editorial on Minden Hills' new cat bylaw

Since the township discovered 69 cats at one house in town and approximately 17 in a one-block area in Stouffville, it is not a matter of "one cat on a lawn, or one peeing on a lilac bush," as stated in the editorial. These are just two instances – how many more are coming around?

These cats are destroying other people's property and

must be controlled. Surely with a county this large, an animal pound can be set up somewhere. The by-law does not infringe on anyone's rights, but it is however making our town healthier. So let's bring on the by-law and clean up the mess.

Betty Milford
Minden

Word of the week describes reaction to library closures: flabbergasted

To the Editor:

Several weeks ago, the "word of the week" in the Minden Times was "balderdash", coming from Doug Palmer's letter to the editor regarding Haliburton County's decision to close 50 per cent of the county's libraries.

After reading the December 12 issue of this paper, I have to write in with a new "word of the week" - flabbergasted.

I was flabbergasted to read that our county library board committee members somehow believe that they are relieved of any duty or obligation to consult and inform the public of their decision to close 50 per cent of the county libraries because "it was noted that library board meetings are public and any members of townships councils (or others) are welcome to attend."

Has Haliburton County truly sunk this low? Do our politicians honestly believe that they have no duty or obligation to inform the public when they are dealing with important issues like this?

We are talking about a 50 per cent reduction in library service. To make this decision without consulting the public, and then after the fact, claim that meetings were open to the public and the public should somehow have known to attend on the off chance that library closures would be discussed, demonstrates a lack of understanding, compassion, and

democracy on the part of our elected officials. Shame on all of our library board committee members for failing Haliburton County residents on this one!

It is abundantly clear now why there has been no public meetings or information circulars coming from the county with respect to this library funding issue. Our councillors must have believed that the scores of public citizens attending the library board meetings would spread the word and debate the issue for them.

Democracy is failing here in Haliburton County. While it is refreshing to see the County Council being forced to back down and hold public meetings on this library issue, these meetings would be more meaningful had County Council rescinded the resolution first! That would be the democratic way.

Jon Francis
Kennisis Lake

Kids love libraries too

Hi Mr. Speaker,

I do not want my library closed. Please do not closed the library. I like to go there. I love books. I need to read books. And I can go and see my friends there.

From David
Bye Bye, Mr. Speaker

Cottage tradition includes visits to Dorset library

The following letter was first sent to Algonquin Highlands Reeve and Haliburton County Warden Eleanor Harrison.

Dear Mrs. Harrison:

I recently heard about the plans to close four of eight libraries in the county. I am deeply concerned about this decision. I am also extremely disappointed that the decision was passed by county council with what appears to be no public notification or consultation.

I understand that county council has an extremely difficult job with many, many issues to contend with, but this is a situation that greatly affects all residents in the county.

I think closing any of the libraries is a big mistake and if more residents (full time and seasonal) knew of this issue they

would support this position.

I have been a cottager on Kawagama Lake for 42 years and not just seasonal. I spend time here year round. As a child I often went to the Dorset Library and as my own children have grown up they have also visited the facility. I believe closing the library would be a great detriment to all residents, especially the local residents who make Dorset and area their home.

I hope you and the council members take time to reflect, understand the negative impact, reflect on the un-democratic process that was used to come to the current decision, listen to your constituents and please reverse the decision. There has to be some way to keep the libraries open. Please find a way and do what is right.

David Vaughan
Kawagama Lake

Family thrives on library books

To the Editor:

Please do not close the Dorset library. This is a democracy not a communist country. We citizens of Dorset want a library! I've read a ton of books and I like them a lot.

I am 10 years old and books are really important to me and my family. We don't have a T.V. or a computer. We always use books. They are fun to read because they take you on adventures. They teach a lot

too.

We read books all the time. They are piled everywhere. We could be so bored without books. Please do not close our library. We love books! I don't know what I'd do without a library, it's nice to have one close by.

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- Jan 10 - Committee of the Whole - 9:00am, Council Chambers**
- Jan 10 - Special Council Meeting following the Committee of the Whole/General Meeting**
- Jan 12 - Agnes Jamieson Gallery- A Gathering of Flowers from Shakespeare - by Gerard Brender a Brandis, Open Reception and Curator's talk at 1pm**
- Jan 14 - Minden Community Business Association - 10:00am, Board Room**
- Jan 17 - Solid Waste Management Committee - 10:00am, Board Room**
- Jan 21 - Sesquicentennial Planning Committee - 5:00pm, Minden Community Centre**
- Jan 26 - Jimmy Flynn Show - 8:00pm, Minden Community Centre**

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Special Council Meeting on Thursday, January 10th, 2008 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 7 Milne Street, Minden, following the Committee of the Whole/General Committee Meeting (9:00 a.m. start). The purpose of the meeting is to consider:

- a) a by-law in support of an application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for the third phase installation of the footbridge and footings over the Gull River.
- b) a by-law in support of an application under the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative for the Lutterworth Pines Project

Cheryl McCarroll, AMCT
Clerk

Job Opportunity

CULTURAL CENTRE DIRECTOR

Closes 4:00pm Jan 11, 2008

The Cultural Centre Director is responsible for the management and administration of the Minden Cultural Centre in conjunction with staff and a volunteer advisory committee. This is a permanent part-time position with an hourly wage commensurate with experience and qualifications. For more information check the Employment Opportunities section of the Township website. A detailed position description is available on request.

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TENDERS

The Community Services Department is seeking tenders for the supply of a Utility Tractor. Quotations in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Utility Tractor" and addressed to the attention of Mr. Ray Miscio, Parks Arena and Cemetery Manager, will be accepted at the Administration Office on or before 12:00 noon on Monday January 22, 2008. Full details of the tender and required specifications are available from Mr. Miscio at 286-1936 or rmiscio@mindenhills.ca

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The Township of Minden Hills is accepting tenders for the sale of surplus equipment listed below.

Item Description

- 1. 1990 Ford Ranger truck
- 2. 1995 Ford F-150 truck
- 3. Kubota TG1860G riding mower

For more details check our website at www.mindenhills.ca or contact Ray Miscio Parks, Arena and Cemetery Manager at 286-1936.



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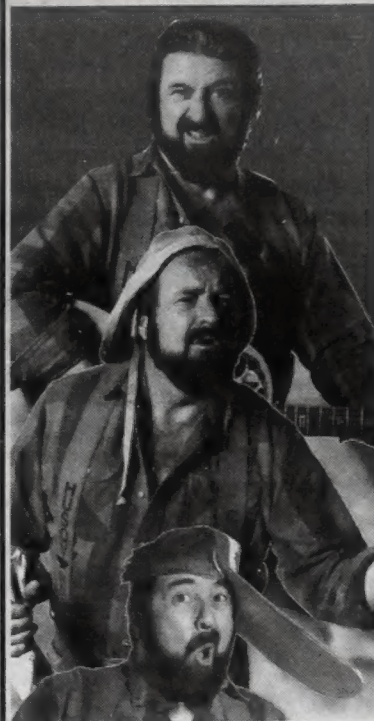
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IMPORTANT NOTICE: MANDATORY CLEAR BAGS

Attention Residents of Minden Hills

Effective Jan 1, 2008 the Township will be implementing mandatory clear bags at all of its landfill sites. For a list of all recycling materials, information can be obtained from the Administration Office, the landfill sites and on the Township's website www.mindenhills.ca

"What's New."

Watch this space in the Minden Times every week for important municipal notices, upcoming events, job opportunities and tenders.

A show as lovely as a rose

New exhibit is an ode to Shakespeare's flowers

by LAURIE CARMOUNT
Gallery Curator

Beginning January 8 the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden presents its first exhibition for the 2008 year. It's a touch of spring during these winter months.

This exhibition consists of 75 original woodblock prints by Gerard Brender a Brandis. The prints depict every flower Shakespeare writes about with excerpts and explanations by Professor David Hoeniger. The explanations tell why Shakespeare might have chosen a particular plant for particular passages, including background meanings and symbolism inherent in the choices, and creating further context for the quotation through historical, medical, magical, and botanical explanations - a most unique combination of literature and art.

Brender a Brandis is one of Canada's leading printmakers whom I have admired and have been looking for many years. Woodblock printmaking takes much skill and knowledge and the degree to which Brender a Brandis works to is incredibly impressive. Even more impressive is the amount of time and research that went into the creation of this exhibition.

In this day and age such skill and talent is seldom seen. It is my hope people visiting this exhibition will gain a very strong appreciation for the amount of time and talent it takes to create these works. Printmakers are few and to have a Canadian printmaker who works solely in this media and makes a living at it is rare.

Another goal with this exhibition is to underline what an original print is versus a poster. What the printmaking process requires and why there is confusion about what a



Print maker Gerard Brender a Brandis pays homage to William Shakespeare in a new exhibit at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. There will be a curator's talk about his work this Saturday at the gallery.

reproduction is to a 'pulled' print.

On Saturday January 12 at 1 p.m. there will be a curator's talk about the exhibition, discussing who Gerard Brender a Brandis is, what inspired him to create this exhibition and the definition of an original print. Please join us. The gallery is located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road Minden.

Despite cold and snow, 48 species of birds are counted on December 15

by DENNIS BARRY
Special to the Times

At a frosty -25 degrees Celsius, December 15, 2007 was the coldest day of the "winter" to date. The tiny patches of open water remaining in Gull Lake were rapidly freezing, and rising mist made searching for any lingering waterfowl difficult. As the temperature rose and the mist cleared, only a pair of common goldeneyes in Deep Bay and a single adult bald eagle circling over the middle of the lake were left of the many birds that had been there a few days earlier. Below Moore Falls, along Gull River, and in the few open stretches along the Burnt River system, several species of ducks, two belted kingfishers and a lone Canada goose searched for something to eat.



Despite one of the coldest, snowiest early Decembers in several years and the lack of tree seeds, a surprising 48

species of birds were found on this year's annual bird count. This is only four less than last year's record. The cold encouraged some birds such as chickadees and nuthatches to flock to feeders, since little other food was available to fuel their internal heaters.

Only seven kinds of birds have been seen on all 41 Haliburton County Christmas bird counts since 1967. You can probably guess what most of them are.

Once again, it's folks who watched their feeders faithfully throughout the day and reported birds noticed on walks in their neighbourhoods who made the count such a success. They added at least five species and many individuals to the total. These included the first ever ring-necked pheasant, the second snowy owl, all three barred owls, the only black-backed woodpecker and the only song sparrow. As well, they noticed seven of the record nineteen pileated woodpeckers and many of the record 439 pine grosbeaks, a first for many folks.

Feeder watchers also reported the majority of the evening grosbeaks, which reappeared after being missed last year for the first time ever, as well as most of the gray jays, downy woodpeckers and American goldfinches.

Hundreds of common redpolls were accompanied by a record three hoary redpolls, only the third time hoaries have been recorded. One of these was a noticeably larger race of this species from Canada's high arctic islands, which is extremely rare this far south. Hoary redpolls are much paler in colour with a white rump and unstreaked sides. Redpolls are especially fond of Niger seed and visit the same feeders frequented by goldfinches.

Many more flocks of wild turkeys were visiting feeders this year than ever before, although on the frosty count day, fewer than the record 207 were reported. Bald eagles have now become regular winter residents of Haliburton County. They often scavenge carcasses of deer killed by cars or wolves, as well as dive for fish in the little remaining open water.

Oh yes, the seven species of birds seen on all 41 Christmas counts: ruffed grouse, downy woodpecker, hairy woodpecker, blue jay, common raven, black-capped chickadee and white-breasted nuthatch. I bet you got most of them right.



AUDITION CALL

Highlands Summer Festival

The Highlands Summer Festival will be holding auditions on January 26 for roles in their 2008 summer productions of

The Foreigner by Larry Shue
Trying by Joanna Glass
Death Trap by Ira Levin

We are seeking 9 men playing ages from late teens to 60+ and 5 women playing ages from 18 to 60+.

Auditions will be held at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Audition information packages may be obtained at Baubles n' Bon Bons in Haliburton or The Storeroom in Minden or by visiting the Festival website at www.highlandsummerfestival.on.ca

For further information contact either David Mills at 705-754-2999 or Melissa Stephens at 705-457-9125



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December 2007 brought much more snow to the Highlands

by PHIL GRAHAM
Special to the Times

December is over and 2007 is over. I don't know about 2007 but December was a dull, dark and cloudy month and unpleasant weather-wise. Not like last December which was fairly pleasant.

The average temperature was 2°C colder than last December and with much more precipitation, mostly snow. There was not much frost in the ground and very poor ice on the lakes, and considerable snow depth on cottages and houses.

Average High: 3.4°C, 28.1°F

Average Low: -10.5°C, 13.1°F

Average for the Month: -3.5°C, 25.7°F

Average for last December: -1.3°C, 29.6°F

Highest Temperature, December 23: 6.0°C, 42.8°F

Lowest Temperature, December 18: -25.0°C, -13.0°F

Rain: 27.2 mm, 1.0 in.

Snow: 95.0 cm, 37 in.

Total Precipitation: 122.2 mm, 4.8 in

Total Precipitation for last December: 91.2 mm, 3.5 in.

Days mostly Sunny: 5

Days with Rain: 16

ER stays open during renovations

The emergency department in Minden is undergoing extensive renovations to its nursing workstation area for the next two weeks.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services says that it will be business as usual and that all emergency services will be maintained. Access to the emergency department and x-ray will be through the ambulance entrance. The regular entrance will not be used. Please watch for the signs.

The emergency department renovations are being funded through a government infrastructure renewal program designed to improve facilities for both staff and patient safety. Staff has been involved in the overall concept design.

HHHS thanks the public for their patience during the construction phase and says the new enhancements will greatly benefit the delivery of emergency services.

Busy schedule takes its toll on Moscow Select hockey team

from page 1

"I had them play seven games in eight days and it took its toll on them. They refused to play."

The Moscow Select had been invited as part of a testing ground for the GMHL and a chance for NHL scouts to have a look at some up and coming talent. The league has received nine requests this year from communities expressing interest of starting a team in the 13-team league, and Minden is one of them.

Rick Cox is the director of community services and recreation supervisor for Minden Hills. "The league is anxious to test this market," says Cox. "It's too bad this didn't work out."

Russell said that plans to bring a GMHL junior A game to Minden is being looked into so that Minden has

the opportunity to see the caliber of hockey.

Cox spoke about a game the Russians played against Deseronto. The Moscow team had thoroughly beaten the Ontarians.

"It would have been interesting to see if the Ontario all-star team could compete with them," said Cox.

Russell believes the town of Minden, and the county, has enough interest to support a junior A team.

"The way we run our league is from the town that supports it," says Russell. "And Minden is right near the top."

The fact the game was cancelled, Russell says, does not hurt Minden's chances of getting a team.

Russell, who owns the Bradford Rattlers team in the GMHL, said approximately 400 seats had been sold for the Jan. 6 game.



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Monday	9:30 - 11:00 am	21st
Monday	6:00 - 7:30 pm	21st
Thursday	9:30 - 11:00 am	24th
Thursday	6:00 - 7:30 pm	24th

Questions? Brenda Harvey 705-447-2148

MINDEN

Hyland Crest Auditorium		January
Monday	7:00 - 8:30 pm	14th
Tuesday	1:00 - 2:30 pm	15th
Thursday	7:00 - 8:30 pm	17th
Friday	9:30 - 11:00 am	18th

Questions? Call Amy Hogg 705-286-3615

WILBERFORCE

Maple View Residence:		January
Monday	1:00 - 2:30 pm	21st
Lloyd Watson Centre:		
Wednesday	1:00 - 2:30 pm	23rd

Questions? Call Michele 705-448-2392

2008 OPEN HOUSES

HALIBURTON

		January
Wed	6:00 pm	16th
Mon	9:30 am	21st

MINDEN

		January
Mon	7:00 pm	14th
Fri	9:30 am	18th

WILBERFORCE

		January
Weds	1:00 pm	16th

All times and dates are subject to change. Please contact location to confirm.





Merry ChrisMoose!

Photos by Barbara Trask

Molly, a female moose, arrived on Christmas Day in Barbara Trask's backyard and mingled with her miniature horses until New Year's Day. Trask said her horses weren't scared of Molly despite their obvious size difference.



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SCULPTURE CERTIFICATE COURSES

Design - Sculpture

Course Number: ARTS 994
January 7-11
Darlene Bolahood

Modelling and Casting (2 weeks)

Course Number: ARTS new
Week #1 - January 14-18 (Monday to Friday)
Paul Portelli

Week #2 - February 19-23 (Tuesday to Saturday)
Steve Hudak

Art History X: Sculpture

Course Number: ARTS 624
January 21-25
Elinor Whidden

Drawing - Sculpture

Course Number: ARTS 995
January 28-February 1
Charles O'Neil

Sculpture Fabrication I (Metal)

Course Number: ARTS new
February 4-8
Charles O'Neil

Sculpture Fabrication II (Wood, Plastic, Glass)

Course Number: ARTS new
February 11-15
Francis Muscat

Sculpture Fabrication III (Experimental)

Course Number: ARTS new
March 3-7
Paul Portelli and Faye Wilkinson

Carving

Course Number: ARTS new
March 10-14
John McKinnon

Large Scale Mixed Media

Course Number: ARTS new
March 17-20 (4 days)
John McKinnon

Sculpture Project Development*

Course Number: ARTS new
March 24-28 and March 31-April 4
Michael Belmore and Mary Anne Barkhouse

Specialized Techniques and Systems*

Course Number: ARTS 629
April 7-11
Mary Anne Barkhouse and Michael Belmore

Marketing / Portfolio Development

Course Number: MKTG 53
April 14-18
Paul Portelli

*(these courses are available to full-time students only)

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Chain Making for Jewellery Arts

Course Number: ARTS 527
January 7-11
Susan Watson Ellis

Design - Jewellery

Course Number: ARTS 983
January 14-18
Paula Letki

Jewellery Fabrication I

Course Number: ARTS 531
January 21-25
Susan Watson Ellis

Art History VIII: Jewellery

Course Number: ARTS 526
January 28-February 1
Zahava Lambert

Jewellery Forming I

Course Number: ARTS 726
February 4-8
Jeffrey Ellis

Jewellery Drawing and Rendering

Course Number: ARTS 530
February 11-15
Paula Letki

Jewellery Casting I - Model Making

Course Number: ARTS 528
February 19-23
Michael Letki

Jewellery: Surface Decoration I

Course Number: ARTS 536
March 3-7
Valerie Davidson

Jewellery Fabrication II

Course Number: ARTS 532
March 10-14
Susan Butz

Jewellery: Surface Decoration II

Course Number: ARTS 537
March 17-20 (* 4 days)
Michaela Wolfert

Jewellery Forming II

Prerequisite: Jewellery Forming I
Course Number: ARTS 727
March 24-28
Jeffrey Ellis

Jewellery Fabrication III

Course Number: ARTS 533
March 31-April 4
Michaela Wolfert

Marketing / Portfolio Development

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Festive fundraising

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

It was a foggy, belated Christmas celebration on Sunday evening at Stouffer Mill Bed and Breakfast to raise money for Grandmothers to Grandmothers, the Stephen Lewis Foundation group that gives assistance to grandmas in Africa.

Originally planned for December 16, but snowed out, the event kept its Christmas format, despite being a few weeks late.

Hot apple cider and holiday goodies were served, and the two-storey, fully decorated tree coaxed the packed house to forget that, officially, Christmas was over.

All of the music was festive, too, with performances by the Trivocals, soloist Marsha Sweet, pianist Melissa Stephens, Dave Hawley on clarinet and a trio of Wendy Evenden Loney, Ken Loney and Dave Hawley on recorders.

The event was free, but donations were accepted and gifts were sold to raise money for the Foundation.

Grandmothers to Grandmothers has more than 100 branches in Ontario, the Haliburton branch has only been active for a year and a half, but has raised \$8,000 in

the past year for grandmothers in AIDS-ravaged African countries. On Sunday, the group added \$1,534 to that total.

The concept behind the grandmothers campaign is that in countries where the AIDS epidemic is in full force, grandmothers end up taking care of households and grandchildren as the adults become sick.

The Stephen Lewis Foundation provides food, school fees and uniforms for grandchildren, counseling, income-generating projects and coffins for "dignified burial of loved ones."

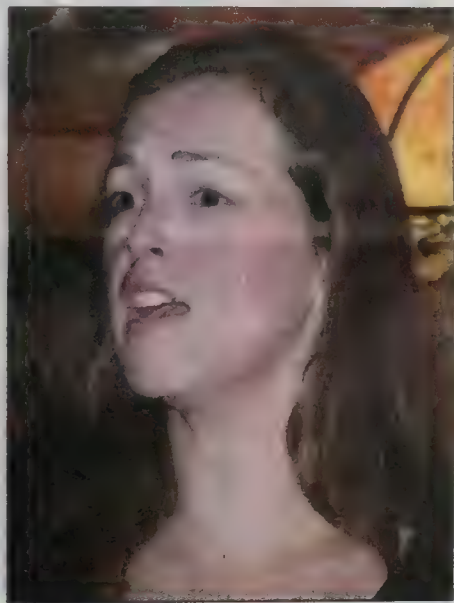
Sue Reid, one of the founding members of the group, said that when the grandmothers first met they counted their grandkids and noted there were 26 between them. "It was awing to know that in Africa, one grandmother might be taking care of 26 grandchildren," she said.

Mickey Bonham staffed the gift table for the evening, taking in the donations and said the grandmother group has over 40 members now.

"It was so nice of Don and Jessie Pflug of Stouffer Mill Bed and Breakfast to put on this event for us," Bonham said.



Above: The evening began with some holiday cheer from the Trivocals singing Christmas favourites. Below: A trio of recorders brought a more historic feel to Christmas songs. From left, Wendy Evenden Loney, Ken Loney and Dave Hawley. Bottom left: Dave Hawley from Gooderham wooed the crowd. Bottom right: Marsha Sweet sang about her adult Christmas wish solo with piano accompaniment from Melissa Stephens. Photos by Jenn Watt



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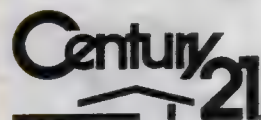


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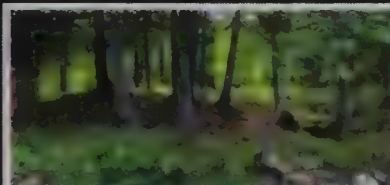
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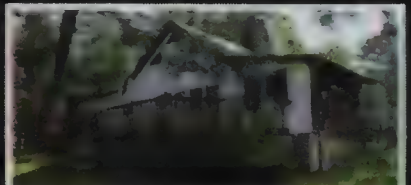
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If the (snow) shoe fits...wear it

The *Times* catches up with local snowshoers to skim the surface of snowshoeing in the Haliburton Highlands

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

During the winter months in the Highlands there are plenty of winter activities to choose from: pond hockey, snowmobiling, cross-country and downhill skiing, snowboarding, ATVing, and dogsledding. But there's one activity that falls just below most people's radar — snowshoeing.

While snowshoeing might not yet be considered pop-culture, it has grown in popularity over the years and is a great form of exercise, without really looking like exercise.

Just off County Road 1, south of County Rd. 16, is the Snowdon Park Preserve and Brenda Ann Chambers Trail. Minden's Jane Boyd and two of her friends, Carolyn and Mac Ellis, all avid in winter activities, frequent the trails.

Boyd, a retired teacher from the Toronto area, moved to Minden about six years ago and has been actively snowshoeing for about four years.

Boyd uses a pair of relatively small, adjustable and lightweight snowshoes, but there are many types of snowshoes to choose from and price is reflected by how they're manufactured and what materials are used. Sizing often reflects a person's skill level, weight, height, and purpose.

Boyd's snowshoes also have a set of teeth, if you will, which dig into the ground when ascending or descending, a feature that Boyd says is standard on most new models.

"Poles," says Boyd, "are optional."

After meeting Boyd at Snowdon Park, we headed into the trail, she on snowshoes and I on foot with a pair of mid-duty

winter boots. Boyd likes to use poles when she's snowshoeing because it gives her added stability.

Her attraction to snowshoeing comes in two parts. The first is that she enjoys being able to go on trails in the winter. As a runner during the spring, summer, and fall, she is limited to how much running she can do in the winter. She cross-country skis a little more often than snowshoeing.

"I usually snowshoe at least once a week," says Boyd.

The second attraction is the social aspect; it's enjoyable to be on the trail with friends on a beautiful winters day.

Meeting the Ellises and Boyd in the parking lot we set off for a walk/snowshoe on the trails.

Walking on the trail with my boots was not very good. I would sink in certain spots and lost my footing enough times that I had to react fairly quickly; walking with boots was awkward.

Having snowshoed fewer times than I can count on one hand, I thought it would be good research when Carolyn asked me if I wanted to try her snowshoes. Compared to walking in boots, the snowshoes provided a lot more stability. I decided to do a little off-trail snowshoeing to where snow was as deep as two feet to see the difference. At most I sank a couple of inches.

The snowshoes felt a little awkward at first but it didn't take long to start to feeling comfortable. And while snowshoeing might look like it takes a lot of effort, it really isn't much different from walking. The best part is that if you want to get the ticker pumping all you have to do is pick up the pace.

"It's very easy to do," says Boyd. "And you can do it more places than on a trail. With cross-country skiing you're in tracks most of the time. Snowshoeing is more adventurous and all age groups can participate."

Essentially there are two types of snowshoeing, by trail or what is referred to as off-road, or off-trail, which snowshoes are really designed for.

Lindsay Meyer, who's been working nearly four years in the seasonal department at the Home Hardware in Minden, says some people buy them for recreation while "others need the snowshoes to get where they need to go."

While Home Hardware doesn't sell a ton of snowshoes, sales are positive.

"Last year I didn't sell that many because of the [poor] winter we had," says Meyer. "This year I'm already way above last year."

On this day at Snowdon Park all of us were snowshoeing for recreational reasons and all agreed that snowshoeing off the trail was much more fun than sticking to the trail.

"It gives me the opportunity to see the different landscapes," says Boyd. "And snowshoes are not invasive to the environment."

There are 11 organized snowshoeing trails in Haliburton County and there is plenty of unexplored landscape. Snowdon Park is one of the easier trails because it's very flat. Boyd's favourite place to snowshoe is the Frost Centre.

If you have a computer, a good source of information about all of the trails can be found at the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network website, www.trailsandtours.com, under the 'snow' heading on the main page.

When asked about the snowshoeing scene in the county Boyd made mention of the efforts of Margaret and Peter Brogden.

"They're my heroes," says Boyd. "They're always looking for new trails."

Since becoming a snowshoer Boyd says she's converted about 10 friends, and when Meyer was asked why she thought snowshoeing was becoming more popular she said, "I think it's more popular because every time you turn on the TV you hear about obesity and getting out and being active. A lot of people like snowshoeing; they find it relaxing so that's a nice activity they can do."

And with that it suddenly hit me — it is time for me to turn off the TV and get outside.



Above, Jane Boyd, of Minden, front, and Carolyn Ellis of Haliburton snowshoe the trails at Snowdon Park Preserve and Brenda Ann Chambers Trail. Below, Jane, Carolyn and her husband Mac, do a little off-trail walking. Snowdon Park is a great place to start snowshoeing because it's flat./Photos by Matt James



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These Special Olympic curlers came from all over Ontario to try and qualify for the Special Olympics. Unfortunately the newly-formed Red Wolves of Minden didn't qualify.

Special Olympics impress

by JENN WATT
Times staff

Curlers from around Ontario came to Minden to the Special Olympics qualifier for the southeastern part of the province on December 30.

The skill level of players varied from team to team, and observer Dave Piercey said the games were fun to watch.

"Personally, I was very, very impressed," Piercey said. "We had a great day; a fantastic day actually."

The Red Wolves Minden team, which formed in October, didn't qualify for this year, but was able to play some exhibition

games. One team member, Trevor Brauer, filled in with other teams.

"One of the players wasn't feeling very well, so one of our players who was able to play with the teams did that and he really enjoyed it," said John Kellett, the Red Wolves' coach.

"All-in-all it was a great day. A great day for the Special Olympics curling and for us to see what it's all about."

Six teams qualified for the bonspiel and an Ottawa team was selected to go on to the nationals after an extra end.

The Red Wolves is made up of Skylar Pratt, Douglas Walli, Jason Hollowell, Trevor Brauer and Brad Trumbull.

Action at J.O. Jackson

by DON PFLUG
Special to the Times

This popular J.O. Jackson Bonspiel, convened by Murray Cooper, is played between Christmas and New Years and attracts teams from as far as Toronto.

The event began in 1993 in honour of J.O. Jackson, who was a Minden businessman as well as the curling club's icemaker and member for many years.

The winners of the J. O. Jackson trophy for 2007 was the team skipped by Ted Wilkes, with vice Dave McKay, second Mike Clewlow and lead Gord Sheehan. The Wilkes team placed second last year

and this year handily won the trophy.

The second place team was skipped by Scotty Boyd, with vice Bruce Fisher, second Bert Kennedy and lead Dave Millington.

The curlers enjoyed lunch prepared by Zelda Cooper, Judith McNeillage and Julie Clarke and during the evening dinner meal prepared and served by Benny Kearn, Winn Taylor and Joyce Nelson, the winning teams were announced and the prizes were awarded.

Many thanks to Peter McNeillage and Ross Petch who were a great help to Murray in making this another successful event.



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

Take notice that Haliburton County Council will be hosting two public meetings to provide information on the rationalization of library facilities within the County of Haliburton. Haliburton County Council at their August 29, 2007-meeting passed the following resolution:

Be it resolved that Haliburton County Council adopt the June 13, 2007-Haliburton County Public Library Board resolution that calls on the County to provide operational funding for only one library branch in each of the four municipalities effective with the 2009 fiscal year and that those municipalities with multiple branches advise the Library Board in 2008 of their plan to meet this requirement.

The public meetings will be held as follows:

Tuesday January 29, 2008 at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre
2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce Ontario

Wednesday January 30, 2008 in the Auditorium at the Frost Centre Institute
20130 Highway 35, Township of Algonquin Highlands

An Open House will occur from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. both evenings with formal presentations from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in making a presentation at either public meeting is asked to contact Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk no later than 4:00 p.m. January 25, 2007

All presenters are requested to provide the County with a copy of their presentation at the public meeting.

Dated this 14th day of December, 2007

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Can't pin down Ken Thompson

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Wednesday afternoon January 2
Men
High Average: Ken Thompson 220
High Single: Ken Thompson 243
High Single w/hdcp: David Stokes 290
High Triple: Ken Thompson 696

Thompson 696
High Triple w/hdcp: John Whitty 744
Women
High Average: Nonma Terro 168
High Single: Shirley Milne 185
High Single w/hdcp: Tilly Grosschad 1254
High Triple: Shirley Milne 507
High Triple w/hdcp: Shirley Milne 690

Thursday afternoon
January 3

Men
High Average: Ken Thompson 220
High Single: Bob McMath 263
High Single w/hdcp: Bob McMath 309
High Triple: Bob McMath 580
High Triple w/hdcp: Bob McMath 718
Women
High Average: Shirley Webb 176
High Single: Shirley Webb 201
High Single w/hdcp: Bernice Gillies 250
High Triple: Shirley Webb 580
High Triple w/hdcp: Shirley Webb 703



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Kinmount keeping busy in 2008

City of Kawartha Lakes seeks Environmental Hero of the year; Burnt River to celebrate Robbie Burns Night; and of course, euchre players sharpen their competitive edge



AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

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January has arrived and with it three birthdays - one for daughter Megan, my own and also one for the old farmhouse as it becomes a "Century Home" in 2008. I don't know what month the house was completed in but figure it should be under either the Zodiac sign of Capricorn, the old goat, or Taurus, the stubborn bull, considering all the storms it has stood firm through. More research will be necessary to determine actual timelines and I look forward to this project.

The City of Kawartha Lakes is seeking nominations for the Environmental Hero of the Year. This award is open to an individual or group who took the initiative, within 2007, to successfully intervene and counter an environmental threat without any expectation of financial reward. In 2007 Vic Orr was recognized for his leadership in helping the environment through his activity with the Kawartha Field Naturalists and role in the Alberg Wildlife Sanctuary Nature Reserve. The award will be presented by council in spring 2008 and nomination forms can be obtained at the local Service Centre, from the City website or by telephoning 324-9411 ext. 246 with a return date of January 18.

Burnt River United Church and the Burnt River Community Centre invite you, Scottish or not, to a fun-filled evening celebrating Robbie Burns Night on Saturday, January 19 at the Centre. The head table will be

pipied in at 6 p.m. and a Scottish program will follow dinner. Tickets are \$14 and available by calling June Hunter at 454-1653 [w] or 454-8045 [h] or by visiting the pharmacy in Coboconk. Please note this is a licensed event.

Local artist Brenda Mulholland continues her series of classes, "Drawing Simplified", once a month on Fridays at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace. For more information please call her directly at 488-1574.

Congratulations to Kinmount United Church which celebrated last Sunday the beginning of its third year as a single pastoral charge within the Lindsay Presbytery, United Church of Canada. Service is at 9:45 a.m. with fellowship to follow.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

The Saturday bid euchre group did play during the holidays with the scores as listed below.

December 22 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Moonshots went to Kevin Maloney, Don Burch, Tom Grix, Elva Paisley and Edith Burch. Tom Grix led the whites at 244 with Jesse Barlow second 229 and Dorothy McElwain third at 225 while Emily Harvie topped the pinks at 305 followed by Pat Roussel 282 and Pearl Cowen 225.

December 29 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Moonshot quartet members were Elva Paisley, Kevin Maloney, Marcel Roussel and Emily Harvie. Emily was first for the pinks at 271 then Pat Roussel at 248 and Sharron Atkinson 221. For the white cards the high score of 301 went to Marcel Roussel with Kevin Maloney second at 278 and Pearl Cowen 230 third.

December 31 New Year's Eve Special at Club 35: Members enjoyed bringing in the New Year with both euchre and bid euchre played. For bid euchre moonshots landed on Dick Coffey, Chris Clarke, Dave Switzer, Lottie Ruttan and Marj Coffey with Fred Gregory holding the hidden score. At 295 Verna McDonald led the pinks with Marj Coffey and Ev Griffin tied for second spot at 249 and Lottie Ruttan sharing third place with Barb Gregory both with 230. For the white cards Dick Coffey came first at 336 with Linda Voycey 283 second and Norm Mark 256 third. Euchre results showed Garth Windsor winning for lone hands while Jean Dutka and

Cliff Davison recorded the high scores. The evening's lows went to Colleen Davison and Maxine Snell with Cliff Davison also taking home the bologna. Thanks to Mary Pearson for this news.

January 2 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell method Ross Davies and Stella McMillan were first at 59%, Harold Cox and Bruce

Armstrong second at 56% and Joan Davies partnered with Kelly Metcalf third at 54%.

January 3 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Pearl Cowen and Jim Bradbury with our reporter May Bradbury and Bob Pollard recording the high scores. The evening's lows went to Jean Hewitt and Don Hicks with Maria Tschida, Syd Adamson, Bob Pollard, Kevin Maloney and Ron Morrison winning the other prizes.

January 4 bid euchre at Club 35: Dave Switzer had a single moonshot while Jean Dutka and Leroy Mowat each took two and Tom Macartney held the hidden score. Pink leader was Helen Windsor at 293 followed at 274 by Colleen Davison then our reporter Mary Pearson 268. Leroy Mowat topped the whites at 306 with Ray Sisson 264 second and Merv Elstone 236 third.

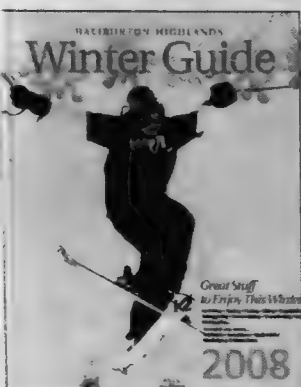
January 4 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: It was great to learn that the Friday group at the Court had started playing again with a good turnout to start the New Year. Doreen Francis reports that Kevin Maloney had the high score, Carol Derbyshire won for lone hands, Maria Tschida took the evening's low score and Marcel Roussel took home the special prize.

January 5 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Single moonshots went to Marcel Roussel and Margaret Fletcher with Elva Paisley and our reporter Gala Stamp each taking two. At 306 Margaret Fletcher led the whites with Don Burch 301 second and Donna 267 third. Topping the pinks at 315 was Edith Burch then Elva Paisley 285 and Verna McDonald 254.

January 7 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand honours went to Gala Stamp and Jesse Barlow while Mabel Deacon and Karen Chapman took home the special prizes for the afternoon. High score holders were Pearl Cowen and our reporter Tim Sharpe with Gwen Cox and Mabel Deacon recording the lows and Joyce Ritchie holding the hidden score.

January 7 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top trio members were Sam Gaudet first at 295, Emily Harvie second at 252 and Dorothy McElwain 248 third while Tony Rivait won the draw prize. Thanks to Pauline Franzen for her update.

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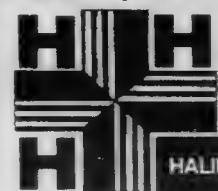
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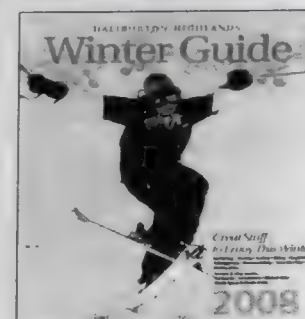
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Frost Centre hosts special meeting on Monday, January 14



DORSET NEWS

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All residents are reminded that a special meeting is taking place on Monday, January 14 at the Frost Centre dining hall at 7 p.m. to talk about the impending library closure in Algonquin Highlands Township. Residents, cottagers and children from Algonquin Highlands are all encouraged to attend. If you would like to carpool, meet in the Robinson's General Store parking lot at 6:30 p.m.

There will also be a public meeting seeking input on the Dorset Ball Diamond Rehabilitation Project on Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. A committee has been meeting to discuss how to make better use of the ball diamond area while maintaining the ball diamond itself. They've come up with some really great ideas and would like input from the public before moving forward. Children are encour-

aged to participate as a playground structure is part of the plan and the committee wants feedback from the kids who will be using it. All are welcome. For more information, contact the Recreation Centre at 766-9968.

Don't forget folks, the Township of Algonquin Highlands has made it mandatory to use clear garbage bags in an effort to reduce improper disposal of recyclables effective January 1. If you would like more information, contact Gayle Short, Waste Reduction Educator for Algonquin Highlands at gshort@algonquinhighlands.ca or 705-489-2379.

In other news, the Dorset Ice Palace is open! Turn off the TV, dress warmly, pack up the skates and thermoses of hot chocolate and head to the outdoor rink (at the back of the Dorset Ball Diamond) for some good old fashioned family fun. If you are interested in helping out with Sunday morning hockey for children, give Brad a call at 766-0973.

Services at Knox United have changed to 9:30 a.m., Sundays for January, February and March when the Dwight church closes for the winter months.

Service time at St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church remains at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays and all are welcome.

Yoga classes take place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Mondays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. For more details contact the Recreation Centre at 766-9968.

Tai Chi classes take place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Call 766-9968 for more information.

An after holiday "Back on Track" Scrapbooking Workshop will take place at The Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, January 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with Creative Memories consultant Ruth Lynch. All are welcome. For more information please call the Recreation Centre at 766-9968.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Annual Dinner and Music Night scheduled for Saturday, January 12 at the Dorset Recreation Centre has been cancelled.

Birthday wishes for the week of January 6 to 12 go out to Jordan Wilson, Ethan MacKay, Corey Crewson, Marie Warkentin, Alex Jordan, Graham Avery and Hugh Reynolds. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076

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- Jan. 9: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is meeting at the Minden Lion's Club. Doors open at 11 a.m. For our program we will have a sharing of ideas from various members who have attended workshops outside of our Guild. The meeting starts at 1 p.m. & guests & new members are always welcome. Call Anita Dobell, 457-3723.
- Jan. 14: Beginner Taoist Tai Chi® starts Monday Jan. 14, at 7:00 p.m. at Hyland Crest, Minden, with a demonstration. Call Amy at (705) 286-3615 to register. Note: The Taoist Tai Chi Society is a registered charity and all instructors are accredited and are volunteers.
- Jan. 16: Minden Community Forum - Hear about 'Health Services in Minden' from Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Janice Hardy and from Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team, Beth Archibald. Come hear and ask your questions at Minden United Church (21 Newcastle Street) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Don at 286-1305.
- Jan. 18: Beginner Taoist Tai Chi® starts Friday Jan. 18 at 9:30 a.m. at Hyland Crest, Minden with a demonstration. Call Amy at (705) 286-3615 to register.
- Jan. 19: Sacred Circle Dance - Saturday, Jan. 19 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance), Haliburton; Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance), Minden.
- Jan. 19: The Minden Agricultural Society invites you to attend their General Meeting & Annual Dinner at the Minden United Church. Social Time 5:00 p.m. - Dinner 6:00 p.m., Tickets \$15.00. Call Maxine 286-2008 or Mary 854-0335. Special thanks to all our Volunteers who supported us and helped make the 2007 Haliburton County Fair a huge success.
- Jan. 24: VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m., Located at Staanworth Court Lounge, Minden. Subsequent clinics the fourth Thurs. of the month. To book an appointment call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone Welcome.

ONGOING EVENTS

- A pictorial essay of Haliburton County. A new picture every day at <http://jackbush.my-expressions.com>
- Adult Badminton - Mondays, 8-10 p.m. Runs until May 26/08 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Call 286-1765.
- Al-Anon Meetings - Haliburton Highlands Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance), Haliburton; Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance), Minden.
- Alzheimer's Disease - "Caring with Confidence" group for caregivers meets on the 4th Thurs. of the month at the Haliburton Hospital Boardroom at 10-12. Call Dorothy or Linda at 457-1742.
- Aqua Size for Seniors or Adults with disabilities - If you are interested, call Community Care 457-2941.
- Celebrate Recovery Meeting - is for everyone with hurts, habits & hang-ups. Lakeside Baptist Church starting at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Call 457-2851.
- Contract Bridge - Bid Euchre - Cribbage: For Seniors (55+) or a physically disabled adult (18+). Community Care Haliburton County offers Contract Bridge Mondays at 1 p.m., Bid Euchre Thursdays at 1 p.m. & Cribbage Fridays at 1 p.m. Call Ida at 457-2941.
- Do you enjoy euchre, bridge, & other card games - Come to the Card Night at the Fort Irwin's Residents' Assoc. Hall (FIRA) on Tues. from 7-9 p.m. For more info call Ken Fuller at 754-3699.
- Easy Fit Yoga for Mature Adults - offered by Community Care every Thursday with instructor Gail Holness. Call 457-2941 for more info.
- Emergency Response System for seniors that want the security of accessing help without reaching the telephone. Call 457-2941.
- For women experiencing any type of abuse, call the YWCA Crisis Line at 286-6442 or (800) 461-7656.
- Highlands Squash Club (beside the Haliburton Arena) offers Recreational Squash. Tues. & Thurs. evenings from 7:30 to 9:30. Free lessons for beginners. Membership avail. Call Glen at 457-2862 or Don at 457-1110.
- Indoor Walking - Haliburton - Walk for your health! Inside the high school, 7 to 8 a.m. Sponsored by "Heart & Stroke." Phone Kelly & Jackie Metcalf at 457-3756.
- Indoor Walking in Minden at Archie Stouffer on all school days, 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. now until May/08. Call Maxine, 286-2006 or Morris, 286-6079. Sponsored by Heart & Stroke.
- Living with Cancer - A Support Group meets on the 3rd Tues. of the month from 1-3 p.m. For info call Linda or Dorothy at 457-1742.
- Mac user group starting up! Anyone interested in meeting once a month please email haliburtondance@sympatico.ca (in conjunction with macs@work)
- Meals On Wheels - by Community Care Haliburton County offers nutritiously balanced frozen meals. Call 457-2941.
- North Entrance Lodge - meets the third Wednesday of each month, from now until June 2008 at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in this great fraternity please call Roger Hillier at 447-2767.
- Ontario Breast Screening Program - for women 50 years & over, screening by appointment only on Thursdays & Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call (705) 328-6175.
- Ontario Early Years - Parents & children 0-6 years drop-in & see us every other Thurs. at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 9:30 a.m. - 12. Call 457-2989.
- Rails End Gallery - Tea At Three, every Wednesday at 3 p.m., 23 York St. Haliburton. A weekly discussion group for adults who like to talk about art. Call Laurie at 457-2330 for info.
- Rails End Gallery - Members' Open Studio, every Thursday, 1-3 p.m. informal time to paint/draw & commune with fellow artists. Call 457-2330 for cost & info.
- Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton Br. 129 - Every Wed. night is Bingo night. Early Bird at 7:00 p.m.
- Royal Canadian Legion, Minden Br. 636, holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wed. of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- The Haliburton Highland Twirlers - a modern square dancing group, meets every Wed. at 7:30 p.m. in the gym at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School. Call Bob Jackson, 457-2552.
- The Haliburton Highlands Handweavers & Spinners Guild meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m., new members welcome. Contact Marian Gillanders, 489-3574, for information on meeting location.
- The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group meets the 3rd Tues. of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. Call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- The Minden Women's Institute - Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month, now until June/08 at 1:30 p.m. Contact Pam 754-1656 or Mary 286-1158 for upcoming meeting location.

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

Warm winter welcome to new owners of Big Hawk Marina

We have new people to welcome to our neighborhood.

On December 1 Woody and Monica Earle started their new endeavour as the new owners of Big Hawk Marina. They were originally from Balsam Lake where Woody was the builder as well as owner of Cedardale Homes. It was a family-owned business, which they have now turned over to their son. Woody and I had a great chat and I am impressed with all their plans for the marina. Their main priority is to spruce up the premises to top-notch conditions. Woody and Monica plan on living on site and will be looking forward to meeting you and offering you great service.

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Next on the agenda is that I want everyone to know that the first big winner of the Community Living Haliburton County Lottery is Les Wilson of West Guildford.

How about that!! Les is a volunteer firefighter right here in Stanhope and works for Boshkung Tree Removal.

Les was very excited about his win and is looking forward to going very soon. His mother, Kim, purchased the winning ticket right here at Pine Reflections. Since Les has never had a holiday we are glad that he will now. He has decided to go to the Dominican Republic instead of Cuba.

The best part is that his ticket goes right back for the remaining draws held monthly.

This Travel Club Lottery is the only fundraiser Community Living will hold so save your coins to part of the next one. Tickets will be available later and I will keep you informed.

Upcoming events:

Let me give you a quick reminder that on January 17 the Stanhope Recreation Committee is hosting its Family Movie Night at the Stanhope Community Hall on North Shore Road. They plan on starting at 5:30 with hot dogs, treats available for purchase and free popcorn. Oh by the

way, the featured movie is "Ratatouille".

You have a choice of admission by donation or please take with you something for the food bank - canned or dry foods preferred.

They would appreciate a call so that they have an idea on how many hot dogs to buy. For more information e-mail the Algonquin Highlands Recreation Department at drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968.

Taoist Tai Chi classes for new beginners start next week in Minden with free demonstrations and introductions. Some of the amazing health benefits of this ancient art include balance, flexibility, strength and stress reduction. People of all ages can learn the gentle turning and stretching movements. It's a proven way



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One of the instructors is Ginny Hopkins and she will be glad to answer any questions you may have. Her number is 489-2996.

Advance notice for you poker enthusiasts!

The next Texas Hold-em Poker tournament held by the Stanhope Firefighters will be Saturday, January 26. Registration is \$35 at the door starting at noon. The location is the Stanhope Community Hall at North Shore Road. You may call either Chris at 489-2784 or Ryan at 489-9956.

There you are now in the "know" so mark your calendars and don't miss this fun day of poker with side games, bonus hands and cash bar. You must have some money left after Christmas, don't you?

Also keep in mind that The Hair Lounge has more concerts and Open Stages coming up!

Saturday, Jan. 27 - Don Ross and Brooke Miller

Saturday, February 23 - Ian Tambllyn

Saturday, March 29 - Barry Canning.

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Cuba or \$1000 cash. Les has
chosen to take the trip to
Cuba. February's draws for 2
cash prizes of \$50 each will
take place on Monday,
February 4, 2008 at the
Community Living office on
Mountain St.

Coming Events A940

The Minden Agricultural Society
invites you to attend their
General Meeting & Annual Dinner
Minden United Church
January 19, 2008
Social Time 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Tickets \$15.00
Call Maxine 286-2008 or Mary 854-0335
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Coming Events A940

HIGHLANDS FESTIVAL OF SINGERS
(Formerly Haliburton Messiah Choir)
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Coming Events A940

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Announcements

Deaths

ARGYLE, Arthur Reginald "Reg" - Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Saturday, January 5, 2008. In his 99th year.

Beloved husband the late Doris Marion "Dolly" (1992) and the late Anna West (2004). Fondly remembered by his nieces and nephew and by his many friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden KOM 2K0 on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 from 1:00 pm until the Funeral Service in the chapel at 2:00 pm. Spring Interment at the Minden Cemetery.

Memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundations would be appreciated by the family.

CROFTS, Annie Beatrice "Bea" (Nee Sedgwick) - Passed away peacefully at her home in Haliburton, Ontario on Thursday, December 27, 2007. In her 94th year.

Beloved wife of the late William Alfred "Bill" Crofts (1998). Dear mother of Paul (deceased), Sandra Tatone (Domenic), Bill (Joanne), Michael (Lynn), Candice Devlin (Brian), Risa Martin, Lynne (Walter Posner) and Anthony. Lovingly remembered by her grandchildren, great grandchildren and by her sister Eva Neville.

Friends were invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., Minden on Tuesday, January 1, 2008 from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at 11:00 am. Reception to follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home.

Spring Interment at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.



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Deaths

MacLeod, Claire - Member of the Pritchard House, Haliburton Highlands Hand Weavers & Spinners and Rails End Gallery.

Passed away peacefully at the Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe on Thursday, January 3, 2008. In her 83rd year.

Beloved wife of the late Kenneth Edward MacLeod. Dear mother of Heather and her husband John, Cathy and her husband Chris, John and his wife Rachel, Duncan and his wife Jan. Loving grandmother of Sarah, Jack, Sasha, Callum, Glynnis, Tommie and great grandmother of John. Fondly remembered by her many friends.

Funeral Service will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden on Saturday, January 5, 2008 at 1:00 pm. Spring Interment at the Bethel Cemetery, Minden. Reception to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion, Minden, Branch # 636.

Memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Hand Weavers and Spinners or to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, P.O. Box 427, Minden KOM 2K0. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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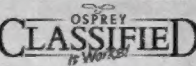
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McARTHUR, Brenda Carol - After a long and courageous battle with cancer, entered into rest at the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay on Wednesday December 26, 2007. Brenda McKelvey, in her 55th year, was the loving spouse of Dave Sproule. Treasured sister of Sharon Mackay of Edmonton, Alberta, Linda and her husband Laverne (Butch) Black, and Kathy McKelvey - Brown and her husband David Hollows all of Minden, and Wendy McKelvey of Innisfil. Fondly remembered by her nieces Tammy and Dakota, by her nephews Shawn, John, Darrin, Duston and Braydin and great aunt of Amy, Brenden and Dana. Brenda will forever be remembered by her loving pets Coby and Sassy. Dearly remembered by the Sproule family and by all her friends. Cremation has taken place. Relatives and friends were invited to call at the **STODDART FUNERAL HOME**, 24 Mill St., Lindsay K9V 2L1 (324-3205) on Saturday, December 29 from 10:00AM until time of a 'Celebration of Life Service' in the chapel at 11:00AM. Interment of cremated remains in the spring at Bethel Cemetery, Minden. If desired, memorial donations to the Victoria County Humane Society or to the organization of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences can be left at www.stoddartfuneralhome.com

In memoriam

COOK, Bruce - In loving memory of a dear husband, father, poppa who passed away January 12, 2004.
*Sadly missed along life's way.
Quietly remembered everyday,
No longer in our life to share
But in our hearts, he's always there.*
Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving wife Viola. Beloved Father of Brenda (Dan), Marlene (Ron), David (Liz), Allan (Hiedi), Loving Poppa of Amanda, Jeff, Tristen, Trever, Chris (Ashley), Micheal, Courtney, and Great Poppa of Hailey.

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Place them in our loved one's arms
And tell her they're from us
Tell her we love and miss her
And when she turns to smile
Place a kiss upon her cheek
And hold her for awhile
Because remembering her is easy
We do it everyday
But there is an ache within our hearts
That will never go away.*
- Always missed, never forgotten.
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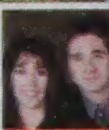
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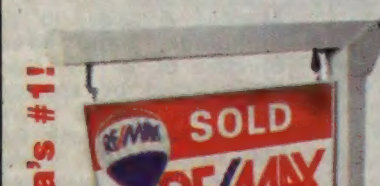
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